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Re: "Method and Apparatus for Removing Fluids From Drill Cuttings"  
Inventors: Owen Thomas Risher, et al  
Filed: January 26, 2004  
Application No.: 10/764,714  
Art Unit: 3672  
Examiner: Hoang C. Dang

Dear Sir:

Enclosed in connection with the above referenced patent application are the following:

1. An original and one copy of a Response to Office Action;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (PTO/SB22);
3. Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a "Prior" Patent (PTO/SB/26); and
4. Our firm checks in the amount of \$65.00, and \$510.00 representing the required filing fees.

We have included a self-addressed, stamped post card which we would appreciate your returning to verify receipt.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached Response to Office Action for Inventors Owen Thomas Risher, et al entitled "Method and Apparatus for Removing Fluids From Drill Cuttings" has on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2006, been deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Post office to Addressee Express Mail - Next Day Service" with Mailing Label Number EQ343495240US affixed thereto and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450.

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